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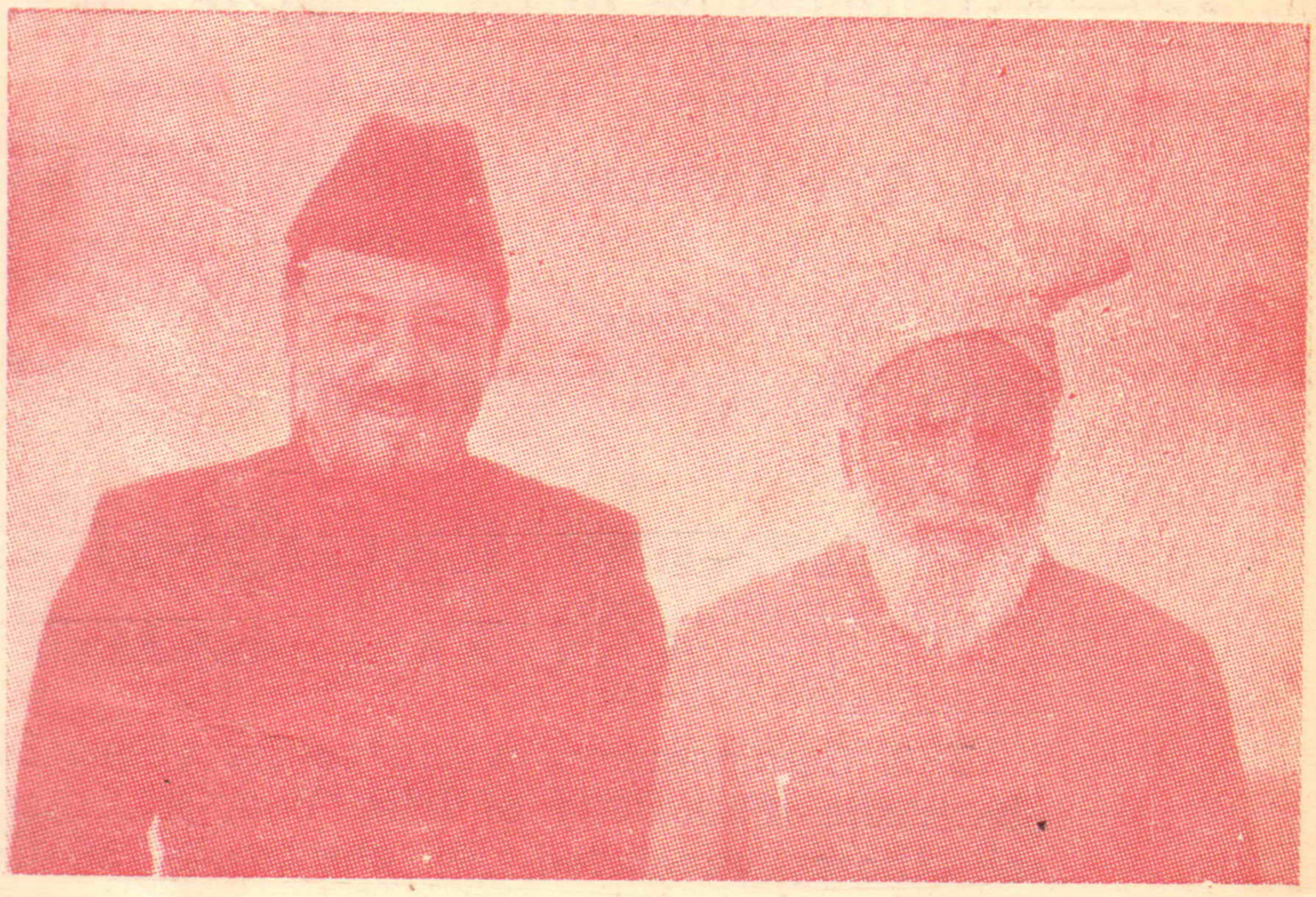

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Sayings of the Promised Messiah:

Be Ever watchful of the Attack of Satan

Satan is always looking for an opportunity and lies in wait, to mislead man and to spoil his deeds. He tries to mislead him even by means of his good deeds and contrives to vitiate them; for example, he vitiates man's prayer by creating in him the desire of being seen of men. He puts the Imam (Leader) of the prayer also into this trial.

So one should never consider oneself immune from Satan's attack. Satan's attack on the sinners and transgressors, who are his victims is, of course, manifest, but he does not hesitate to attack the devout and pious also. Whenever he finds an opportunity, he attacks them, in some way or other. Those who enjoy Divine Grace, and are aware of Satan's subtlest and most cunning attacks, always pray to Allah to be saved from his attacks. But those who are imperfect and weak in faith fall sometimes victims to his attacks. (Alhakam, May 10, 1904)

Blessings of New Year

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Gist of Khutba of Hazrat Khalifatul, Masih III delieved on January 3, 1969.

Having recited the Quranic verse, "As for those who follow guidance. He adds to their guidance, and bestows on them their righteousness." (47:18), Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said :

The New Year has come with new blessings and new responsibilities, too; nay, it has come with greater blessings and responsibilities than ever before. Allah says in the Holy Quran that a believer does not halt at any stage, but goes on attaining higher stages of nearness to God. In the aforesaid verse Allah says that to those who follow guidance, Allah opens avenues for further guidance.

There is an urge in human nature for attaining nearness to Allah. Those who follow this urge, and seek the way to His nearness, realize that without following in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, one cannot attain God's love, nearness and pleasure. So they make constant efforts to follow in his footsteps, and, as a result, Allah opens to them the way to righteousness, real success and nearness to Himself. Then they are granted increasing capacity to do good, because the word "guidance" connotes increasing capacity to do good. So, Allah says that when a believer attains a stage of nearness to Allah, he is shown higher stages of nearness to Him, and he goes on progressing continuously and attains positions of honour in the sight of Allah. Allah says, "The most honourable among you in the sight of Allah is he who is the most righteous among you." (49 : 14)

A believer does not stop at any stage. Every moment of his life raises him higher and higher. Every new year brings him nearer to God and raises him higher in His Estimation.

So every new year that dawns upon us, brings greater responsibilities for us and also provides us with greater opportunities of attaining greater honour in the sight of Allah.

So we should pray to Allah that the New Year that has dawned upon us may prove more blessed for us than the previous ones, and that we may attain Allah's greater pleasure and nearness this year. May the love that we entertain in our heart for Him become stronger than before, and may we be blessed with better reward for this love! May this New year be full of blessings in the above mentioned sense for us all!

Mentioning the happy and blessed end of the past year, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said : A very happy and successful Conference marked the termination of the past year. This Conference provided a golden opportunity of the demonstration of our mutual love and the spirit of sacrifice and brotherhood.

About one hundred thousand people attended the Conference and there was an atomosphere of perfect peace, love and affection—an atmosphere, not to be seen anywhere else in the world. The inhabitants of Rabwah, who are not in very affluent circumstances, sacrificed their money, time and comfort and this they did very cheerfully and with a smiling face. They presented the scene of the Ansars of Medina, regarding whom Allah says, "They prefer the refugees to themselves even though poverty be their own lot." (59:10) The Conference presents this scene every year.

Every year a larger number of people attends the Conference. So every year presents the scene of a sacrificing people, offering greater sacrifice with greater cheerfulness. May Allah grant

them the best reward!

In short, the people of Rabwah present, during the days of the Conference, an excellent example of "They prefer the refugees to themselves even though poverty is there lot", and hence deserve the reward promised by Allah in the same verse— "It is those who will be successful".

The conference presents a Glorious Scene of mutual love, affection and brotherhood—a Scene not to be found anywhere else in the world. Indeed, in the days of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, there existed among the believers such a brotherhood, ,or even greater than this. But later we forgot it, and paid no heed to the import of the Quranic verses, 8:64 and 3:104, in which Allah says that this love and affection between the hearts of the believers was a great gift of God, which could not be achieved even at the expense of the entire wealth of the world. Allah says that it was a special favour which He bestowed upon them when they were on the brink of a pit of fire and He saved them from it; so they should appreciate this Great gift and Favour of Allah, and hold fast to the Holy Brotherhood. But people forgot it, and broke this bond of love and brotherhood, and turned one another's enemy again.

Through the Grace of Allah, we find this Great Divine Favour bestowed again, upon our Jamaat. We found this feeling of love and brotherhood demonstrated in our last Conference, which was a gathering of about one hundred thousand people. consisting of men, women, and children, coming from different parts of the world, belonging to different races, speaking different languages. And there was no quarel, no discord, no noise and uproar. An atmospehere of perfect calm and peace, love and affection prevailed. It was possible only by the grace and mercy of Allah. Even in a small gathering of fifty, people fall out with one another. The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, devoted great attention, efforts, and prayer to the training and instruction of the Jamaat, and nourished it with the spiritual blessings of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

It is due to his care and prayer that we find in the jamaat this extra ordinary scene of brotherhood and love, which is demonstrated on the occasion of the Annual Conference.

As stated at the outset, Allah has promised that every new year that will dawn upon us, shall bring us nearer to Him, and entitle us to greater Divine Favour, but, at the same time, it will devolve greater responsibilities on us and demand greater sacrifices from us, too. If we discharge those responsibilities, He will bestow greater favour on us.

What a Great Promise! What a Great Tiding! How unfortunate we shall be if we turn a deaf ear to these Divine Promises and Tidings, and fail to discharge our responsibilities! From one Eid (Occasion of Joy) we are entering into a period of another Eid, which will be greater and more blessed than the previous one. We should make necessary preparation for it, too.

So let us pray that Allah may make the New year a period of Eid in the true sense of the term, and bestow on us greater gift and favour, and bless us with greater righteousness, and that we become more honourable in His sight. Nothing can be achieved without His Grace. So let us solicit His Grace, saying:

"O Lord, we know and admit that we have no talent, no power, no true spirit of sacrifice even. We have to have everything from Thee, and, with Thy Grace, present it before Thee. So bestow upon us greater capacity to present something better than before, and accept whatever we present, and shower on us greater blessings and favour than before.

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MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

Netherlands

Maulvi Salahud Din Khan Bengali writes from the Hague, Netherlands that the Idul Fitr was celebrated there with the usual zeal and vigour in a spiritual atmosphere. Invitation Cards had been issued to members of the Community as well as non members. The attendance was very satisfactory and the mosque as well as the two adjoining rooms were also packed to their full capacity. Before the Khutba of the Id, a message of Greetings from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih was read out by Maulvi Abdul Hakim Akmal, the Imam of the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Hague.

In his sermon, the Imam Sahib dilated on the significance of the month of fasting and its conclusion with the Id festival. He further remarked that it was only the teaching of Islam that could bring peace and prosperity to human beings, the only condition was that these teachings must be adhered to and acted upon sincerely. Those who attended the prayer were the Dutch, Pakistanis, Iranians, Turkish, Morroccans, Tunisians, Egyptians, Indonesians, Surinamese, West Africans, East Africans, Indians and Afghans.

After the prayer, all the friends were served with light refreshments.

Kenya

Television plays an important role in reaching the people and influencing them most convincingly. Kenya is making full use of it and we are grateful to the T.V. authorities there for providing an opportunity of presenting Islam from its studios. The first of this kind of opportunities was availed of by Maulvi A.K. Sharma, Missionary Incharge, Kenya who answered questions on Islamic teachings and brief history of the Ahmadiyya Movement.

Maulvi Sharma also had the opportunity of explaining to the audience the invitation that was extended to the Christian "Healer". Mr. Oral Roberts—which was rejected by him on the plea that he did not like "the challenger to gain popularity through it" whereas the fact was that he did not find himself in a position to accept the offer.

Further, Maulvi Sharma had a few words to say about Birth Control. It is estimated that no less than a hundred thousand people saw this programme.

SABA (Malaysia)

The Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats in Malaysia was held on the 26th - 28th of Fatah (December) 1347/1968. Members of the Jamaat travelled long distances to attend the function.

The first two days were devoted to speeches on various aspects of the teachings of Islam and their application in the present day world while the third day was earmarked for the meeting of the Advisory Body which reviewed the activities of the last year as well as chalked out a workable programme for the new year.

After the opening speech by Maulvi Basharat Ahmad Amrohi, Mr. Hussain Aamil addressed the Gathering on the life of the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. He selected a few aspects of the life of the Prophet and advised the audience to always look to him for guidance in their day to day affairs of life. Mr. Hussain was followed by Mr. Mora Yusuf who dilated on the special features of the Ahmadiyya Movement. Next, our Sister Maunun Majid, a convert from Christianity

spoke on her experience as a Muslim.

Other speakers at the Conference were Mr. Mansur Bin Salim Shah, Mr. Tunku Hamid, Mr. Abbas Bin Abdul Hadi.

Maulvi Basharat Ahmad, Missionary Incharge, presided over the Conference and the meeting of the Advisory Council.

West Germany

Imam Masood Ahmad, a Missionary of the Ahmadiyya Movement stationed in Frankfurt, approached the Principals of the Secondary Schools and offered them his services, free of charge, to acquaint the students with true teachings of Islam and the history of the Muslims. The higher classes in the Secondary Schools are given lectures by Christian teachers on comparative religions and it is there that untrue things are said about Islam. The Imam Masood who is very conscious of this, wants to right the wrong. It is encouraging to note that most of the Principals who were approached, have agreed to let Imam Masood take the classes or talk to the teachers to give them the true teachings of Islam.

Some schools have started sending their classes to the Mosque for further study of Islam. Imam Masood says that once the students asked a lot of questions about religious practice in Islam and also the status of women in Muslim Society.

Islam in Nigeria

Al-Haj Abdul Latif Teniola, a Nigerian journalist, in an article in "The Truth" of Lagos, has pointed out the danger poised by Christian missionary activities among the Muslim population. We give a few extracts: In Sokoto province of North Western State, which we still regard as the bastion of Islamic religion, the Roman Catholics three years ago had two hospitals." "They have opened two religious training centres in Sokoto."

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"The Baptists are the real challenge to Islam in Nigeria. They run 13 hospitals in Nigeria scattered all over Western and Northern Nigeria. The Mission has 140 Nigerian ordained ministers and over 1,000 Catechists, who operate in the hamlets and villages. Unlike the other churches which draw the bulk of their congregation from Southerners, the Baptists are eating deep into the Muslim population of the North."

These missionary activities are being carried out with increasing intensity not by the financial resources of the Christians in Nigeria. It is the financial help from Missionary organisations in the West along with patronage of Western Governments that has caused the present Crusade not only in Nigeria but in other African countries as well. It is high time that Muslim governments and organisations think seriously of assisting the Muslim organisations, leaders and workers in Nigeria to carry on missionary work to educate the Muslims and to prevent them from becoming victims to Christian propaganda as well as material temptations.

Muslih Maood Day

The Muslih Mauood Day was observed at Rabwah with a Public Meeting held at the Masjid Mubarak. The meeting was presided over by Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad.

Various aspects of the Prophecy concerning the Muslih Mauood and his work and achievements were the subject matter of the speeches and the poems read out at the meeting.

Those who addressed the Gathering were Maulana Abul Ata, Qazi Mohammad Nazir and Maulvi Dost Mohammad Shahid.

No Discrimination in Islam

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By Maulvi M.S. Shahid

(This article was originally published in UNITY, (Sierra Leone) on 10.1.1969)

It is a fact, which cannot be refuted that the idea of inequality between man and manand distinction of colour is the root of antagonism and war between nation and nation and country and country, and this is the idea which induces one people to usurp the rights of another and to attack their lives and their possessions.

What is happening in South Africa now-a-days and the riots in England and America on the basis of colour can bear testimony to the said fact.

Islam being the religion of peace, justice and fairplay, knows no racial discrimination.

Its teachings are as wide as humanity itself.

Caste, colour, creed, and all other cosiderations of discrimination and segregation are not favoured in Islam at all.

In Islam virtue is the only consideration to realise the status of man.

God says in the Holy Quran "Verily, the most honourable among you in the sight of God is he who is the most righteous among you".

The Prophet of Islam has also stressed upon this point that all human beings are equal and he taught his followers that human life and human possessions have the same sacredness which belongs to sacred days, sacred months and sacred places.

No man has ever showed such concern and such care for the welfare and the rights of the weak, and peace between nations as did the Prophet of Islam.

No man ever did as much as the Holy Prophet to promote equality among mankind.

No man pined as much as he for the good of man.

It is reported that the Holy Prophet of Islam said :

An Arab has no superiority to claim over non-Arab nor a white coloured over a black coloured except with righteousness".

Then on the last pilgrimage the Holy Prophet in his Farewell Address declared before the large gathering of of Muslims that "O men, what I say to you, you must hear and remember.

All Muslims are as brother to one another.

All of you are equal.

All men, whatever nation or tribe they may belong to, and whatever station in life they may hold, are equal."

While he was saying this the Holy Prophet raised his hands and joined the fingers of the one hand with the fingers of the other and then said :

"Even as the fingers of the two hands are equal so are human beings equal to one another.

No one has any superiority to claim over another.

You are as brothers".

Proceeding, the Holy Prophet said "What month is this ?

What day of the year it is today" ?

The Muslims said in reply, they knew it was the sacred month and the sacred land and the day of the Hajj.

Then the Holy Prophet said :

"Even as this month is sacred, this land inviolate and this day holy, so has God made the lives, property and honour of every man sacred.

To take any man's life or his

property or attack his honour is as unjust and wrong as to violate the sacredness of this day, this month and this territory.

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What I command you today is not meant only for today.

It is meant for all time.

You are expected to remember it and to act upon it until you leave this world and go to the next to meet your Maker."

Islam is not a set of customs, traditions and doctrines alone.

It is a practicable religion which regulates our daily lives and governs our society.

So it has not only mentioned the equality and unifica ion of mankind but it has also enjoined upon Muslims to practise it in their daily life, and prove by their actions that Islamic rules and teachings are as they were in the early days of Islam.

Muslims meet five times a day in their daily prayers.

They stand together side by side without any distinction.

This circle however, becomes wider in the weekly Friday prayer, when Muslims gather together from different parts of the town.

Then on a bigger scale on the Eid occasions when Muslims from far and wide come to offer prayer in congregation in an open space outside the town.

They all stand in rows shoulder to shoulder without any distinction of colour, race or position and proclaim the cordiality and fraternity of Islam.

In this field of worship there is no special place reserved for any person who is holding a high rank or dignity in the worldly point of view.

Even he may be a king or ruler he has to stand in row joining his shoulder with the poorest Muslim if it so happens.

Indeed these are occasions when Islamic brotherhood and the demonstration of equality is furnished so completely that it is hardly possible to make any distinction between the high and the low, the rich and the poor, kings and subjects, master and servants.

Still there is another gathering in Islam which is the biggest gathering of humanity.

It takes place at the time of the pilgrimage to Mecca, where even the dress distinction is wiped off and every pilgrim is dressed in just two plain sheets of cloth.

On this occasion believers of all nations, colours, and languages, come together from all parts of the world to pray in the sacred place—the Ka'aba.

Here is a supreme set of common worship, the negro of the West Coast of Africa meets a Chinese and other Muslims from the distant East in a brotherly manner.

The main idea which Muslims are expected to entertain from these occasions is that God is the greater and all the worldly riches, honours, and positions which we are holding and on account of these we think ourselves superior to others and hate them, are of no value in the sight of God.

We should live in community, unity, harmony and brotherhood and should not usurp the rights of our unfortunate brothers.

May God help men to act according to the teachings of Islam, so that the world may enjoy a lasting peace.

Ahmadiyya Hospital in Nigeria

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Following is the Goodwill Message by His Excellency the Military Governor of Kano State Al-Haji Audu Bako on the Foundation Stone Ceremony of the New Ahmadiyya Mission Hospital.

I am particularly delighted to send this goodwill message on the Foundation Ceremony of the New Ahmadiyya Clinic, I consider this occasion significant in that by opening this Clinic, for the first time in Kano, the Mission has taken a new turn in the noble effort to serve the people of this State not only in spreading of the Gospel, but also in providing social services so badly needed for the healthy development of our community. We are all grateful to you for this fine initiative and I believe that we shall utilise the services of this Clinic for our mutual advantage.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the commendable role of your Mission in spreading the teachings of Islam without involving yourself in religious discrimination and political controversies. You should uphold this exemplary behaviour. As you all know religious freedom is an indispensable ingredient in the policies of all the Governments of the Federation and we are determined to see that every religious body is allowed to participate fully in the religious, social and economic development of this country without discrimination whatsoever.

I am delighted to see the establishment of this Clinic which I hope will be a nucleus for the development of a full fledged hospital. We are suffering from inadequate social service especially in the field of Health and Education. I hope that you will, as a matter of urgency, establish a Secondary school as a first step towards assisting us in overcoming the shortage of our qualified personnel.

I assure you that my Government will give you every support, assistance and co-operation in your efforts to assist the people of this State morally, spiritually and economically. I sincerely wish you the very best of luck and God's guidance at all times, Amin.

"The New Nigeria"

reported the event as follows on 31-12-68.

The Military Governor of Kano State, Deputy Police Commissioner Alhaji Audu Bako, has commended the effort of the Ahmadiyya Mission in serving the people of his State by "not only spreading the gospel of Islam but also in providing social services so badly needed for the healthy development of our community."

This was contained in the good-will message sent by the governor on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone ceremony of the new Ahmadiyya Mission Clinic, which was read by the mission's Amir in Lagos, Fazl Ilahi Anwari, at the weekend.

The Governor expressed the hope that the clinic would be a nucleus for the development of a full-fledged hospital, adding that this effort would also pave way for the building of a Secondary school by the Mission.

Alhaj Audu Bako also hoped that the services of the clinic would be utilised for the mutual advantage of all. "As you all know, the Governor went on," religious freedom is an indispensable ingredient in the policies of all the governments of the federation and we are determined to see that every religious body is allowed to participate fully in religious, social and economic development of this country without any discrimination whatsoever."